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LBTS FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO PROPANE GAS INCIDENT AT HOTEL

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Fire Department** evacuated the **Lauderdale Beachside Hotel** on Wednesday after someone reported smelling propane gas in the building.

There were no reported injuries.

The Fire Department responded to the incident at 12:25 PM on Wednesday (4-7-10). The Beachside Hotel is at 4660 N. Ocean Drive.

Hazardous material teams from the **Fort Lauderdale Fire Department** and **Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue** also responded to assist. The Broward Sheriff's Office, which provides police protection to the **Town**, diverted traffic at the scene for safety reasons.

An investigation revealed that a ventilation fan in the hotel's first floor restaurant had been turned off, causing an odor of gas to build up. The utilities to the restaurant were shut off.

Once the building was deemed safe, hotel guests were allowed to return to their rooms.